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TAGS: BEXP, OTRA, SY  
SUBJECT: SARG INVITATION TO SECRETARY KREPS TO ATTEND DAMASCUS  
INTERNATIONAL FAIR

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM SARG  
TRANSMITTING COPY OF LETTER FROM MINISTER OF ECONOMY  
AND FOREIGN TRADE MOHAMMED AL-IMADI TO SECRETARY OF  
COMMERCE JUANITA KREPS. TEXT FOLLOWS: QTE. IT IS  
MY PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL  
FAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 15 TO AUGUST 1, 1978,  
IS CELEBRATING ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR AND  
SPECIAL PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY TO COMMEMORATE THIS  
HAPPY EVENT. MANY COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED  
THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE AND MANY MORE ARE EXPECTED  
TO BE WITH US FOR THIS OCCASION. IT IS MY HONOR TO  
INVITE YOUR EXCELLENCY TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY  
OF THE FAIR WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY THE EVENING  
OF 15TH OF JULY, OR SHOULD YOUR EXCELLENCY FIND THIS  
DATE INCONVENIENT, TO VISIT THE FAIR WHENEVER POSSIBLE  
THROUGHOUT THE SIXTEEN DAYS OF ITS DURATION. IN  
ADDITION TO THE CHANCE FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY TO SAMPLE  
OUR WARM HOSPITALITY, THE OCCASION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S  
VISIT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF  
EXCHANGING VIEWS ABOUT THE GOOD ECONOMIC AND TRADE  
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND THE POSSIBILITIES  
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OF FURTHER DEVELOPING THEM. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING  
FROM YOU AND HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL BE ABLE  
TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO AVAIL  
MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE EXPRESSION  
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE.

2. APRIL 24 LETTER FROM SECRETARY KREPS TO AMBASSADOR

MURPHY INDICATED SHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO VISIT NEAR  
EAST THIS SUMMER. WE RECOMMEND PERSONAL REPLY FROM  
SECRETARY KREPS TO DR. AL-IMADI EXPRESSING PLEASURE  
AT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN FAIR AND BEST WISHES FOR  
ITS SUCCESS.  
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